

**Town of Northfield
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes September 14, 2015
Municipal Building 6:00pm**

Attendees: Sally Davidson, Scott Amell, Michele Langley, Heidi Passalacqua (members); Ken Goslant Selectman-liaison), absent: Bruce Wright. Michael McGinnis (Dynamos soccer program)

- I. Call to order: 6:00 p.m.
- II. Review and approval of minutes of July 13, 2015: approved. We did not meet in August. This is the report of what was completed, Michele and Heidi did phone business as no one was able to meet in August. One of the action items we took from previous minutes was getting information from Scott and Sally on picnic tables to get them on Common before "summer over". Front Porch forum had posted wanting "something to sit on the common for meals outside, and for Labor Day and were seeking tables to be donated." Michele responded to both and mentioned we were in process. Scott had been unable to complete d/t work, and Sally was gone. Sally obtained name of local Northfield table builder. Ordered 5 and picked up and placed on common. An additional donated and completely stained table was also placed making a total of 6. We placed initially 2 on common then 3 at Memorial Park, and then for Labor Day placed them all there for use. Group discussion was they were well received. Heidi called and asked town manager to have Pete Demasi fix the "Morse drinking fountain" after she noted 3 weeks of water at base of fountain. It was fixed within a day of calling. The fountain only has the faucet that works on the top portion. The actual drinking/bubblers do not work and there was a leak not from the base but from approximately 6 inches from base. The leak has been fixed.
- III. Old business:
 - a. Field maintenance: field at Memorial Park now being mowed by school. When Michele and Heidi delivered picnic tables to field had been mowed at Memorial Park, but it was really long.
 - b. Picnic tables: In August the board obtained 5 picnic tables from Ken Sears (165. per table) we were originally quoted originally quoted 135 for 6 but he actually charged us 165. But we are only charging business' 150 for tables. Scott has letters to go out to Depot Pizzeria, Shamrock (had spoken to Kevin over past weekend and he still wanted Shamrock listed vs. Paine Mountain Brewery), O'Maddi's, Goslant Granite and Subway. Scott is going to contact Luke at school to see if he can get his students to stain the tables as volunteer. He will donate a gallon of stain.
 - c. In re: meeting with town manager and our request for f/u in from Jeff Schulz (town manager). The following is the email dated 8/7/2015. "Hello, this email is a follow up to the last Recreation Committee meeting and the committee's questions. The Recreation Funds "The recreation donation fund currently has \$ 3,918. These funds include a \$400 donation from the Northfield parents association from their event in June at the pool. Also, there is \$ 6,953 in the town capital improvement plan in an account labeled design/update Park. As you may recall, when the

recreation committee met with the select board last fall, the select board was open to the recreation using some of these funds for the committee's proposed project at the park. The board did want to see a more finalized plan prior to officially approving the use of the funds. Water Line to the pool: The water department completed the installation of the new water line from the new water main on King street to the pool this week (date of letter 8/7/15). Also, Pat Demasi installed two service lines from the new line: one through the parking lot to edge of rec fields and one to the water bubbler/water fountain. Also, Patrick plans to repair the bubbler/water fountain before the end of summer."

- d. Trails System update. Michele reported this is on the backburner for now. She had emailed committee the map David Packie had GPS'd for consideration. Tabled
 - e. BBQ fundraiser. We were not able to do the chicken BBQ's as discussed in July meeting. Discussed fundraising: Scott did talk to Tim Martin who indicated price of chicken was high so profit would not be "worth it". Scott's thoughts about supporting all the fundraising with the losses with Chouinard's and bank and all other fundraising going on. Not that we don't need to fundraise but we could put up our sandwich boards. Michele will look up current recreation grants that might be available to us.
- IV. Public participation : see new business
- V. New :
- a. Michael from Dynamos came to discuss the fields for soccer. There is not an immediate issue with soccer fields for Dynamos however within the next 1-3 years "Doyon field" will be gone according to Michael because the trustees have been discussing the planting of trees to begin making that field more available for the catholic church as a cemetery expansion. Group discussed all the available current fields. Michael has spoken with Bizhan at Norwich about possibility using their fields which there is some possibility. We discussed use of Falls fields. Showed plans from Norwich students and discussed a layout for possibly laying out the field from plans in modified fashion. (not with the plans as students had planned but in similar place , re arranging the current playground structure, and bringing the field down to level of current field. Thought would be to access room from bank, take dugout out as well as fence which we were doing anyway and with use of volunteer loaders and trucks take the dirt to another location and create an additional field located on Cemetery Street by school thereby getting two fields from one). To do this will need to seek approval from select board and report on September 22. Michele will do the presentation. Will get on agenda by this Thurs. We will not pour the concrete for the restrooms until the dirt is moved. Michael will go to his board and look for grants as well. Will also be prepared to possible have Dynamos volunteers assist in effort.
- VI. Next meeting October 12, 2015. 6p
- VII. Adjournment
- VIII. Action: Agenda for board by Thurs. (Michele will go to meeting on Tues. 21) plans for donations of equipment of time